Jacobowitz family papers, 1942-1945 1988.1115

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Abstract: This collection is comprised of documents and artifacts belonging to members of the Jacobowitz family and document their experiences during the Holocaust while imprisoned in Westerbork Concentration Camp in the Netherlands and in Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Language of Materials note: Materials are primarily in German, Dutch and English.

Creator: Jacobowitz family

Biographical/Historical note
Absent biographical material, most of this history is drawn from an examination of the collection documents themselves.

Elfriede Ollendorff Jacobowitz (Jakobowitz) was born in Breslau, Germany in October 4, 1892. It appears that she and her family left Germany and settled in Utrecht in September 1941. By 1943 Elfriede was interned in Westerbork Concentration Camp. Correspondence indicates that the family of Elfriede Jacobowitz and the family of Henny Gabriele Jacobowitz were registered on an exchange list for Palestine and were so notified in November 1943. A response to a Red Cross message dated December 25, 1944 places Elfriede in Theresienstadt, Czechoslovakia. An identification card dated March 1945 indicates that she worked as a personnel clerk in a mica processing plant, presumably in Theresienstadt. In June 1945, Elfriede Jacobowitz requested repatriation to the Hague, Netherlands from the Czechoslovak Repatriation Office.

Another family member, Henny Gabriele Jacobowitz, to whom correspondence regarding the Palestine prisoner exchange was sent, was born on August 20, 1923 in Breslau and perished in Bergen-Belsen camp on March 30, 1945, according to In Memoriam. Sdu Uitgeverij Koninginnegracht, Den Haag 1995.

Arrangement note
The collection is divided between documents and artifacts, and within each series, to the extent possible, chronologically.

Preferred Citation note
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Scope and Contents note
The collection comprises documents and artifacts of the Jacobowitz family during the period 1942-1945. It documents the experiences of the family who deported to Westerbork, a transit camp in the Netherlands, and in Terezin, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Of particular interest may be a bulletin listing what possessions deportees were allowed to take Westerbork. Artifacts include a yellow Jewish star badge and an armband from Westerbork.

Documents indicate that members of this family were chosen for a prisoner exchange to Palestine, but at least one member was a displaced person in Czechoslovakia after the war ended.

Conditions Governing Access note
There are no restrictions to access for this collection.

Conditions Governing Use note
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Westerbork (Concentration camp).
Armbands
Artifacts
Correspondence -- Netherlands
Family papers -- Netherlands
Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945) -- Netherlands
Stars of David -- Netherlands
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Documents 1942-1945
Language of Material: German

Elfriede Jakobowitz Essenkarte (Food ration card), undated
Language of Material: German

Anleitung was ungefaehr zweckmaessig nach Kamp Westerbork mitzunehmen ist
[Insuctions on what possessions can be taken to Westerbork], undated
Language of Material: German
General note
Reverse of document contains rules regarding postal communication and visits to Camp Westerbork.

Elfriede Jakobowitz Note from Zentralsekretariat, undated
Language of Material: German

Elfriede Jacobowitz-Ollendorf letter from Der Reichskommissar Fuer Die Besetzten Niederlandischen Gebiete [Reich Commissioner Office for Occupied Netherlands], 1942 June 10
Language of Material: German

Jakobowitz family Red Cross messages, 1943 November 11
Language of Material: English

Henny Gaoriele Jacobowitz letter from Office Palestinien de Suisse, 1943 November 22
Language of Material: German

Elfriede Jacobowitz Identification card from Westerbork, 1944 May 2
Language of Material: Dutch; Flemish

Elfriede Jacobowitz Identification card [from Terezin?], 1945 March 15
Language of Material: German

Elfriede Jacobowitz-Ollendorff Czechoslovak Repatriation Office Registration Certificate, 1945 June 5
Language of Material: English

Elfriede Jacobowitz Impfkarte [vaccination card] from Terezin, undated
Language of Material: German

Artifacts undated
Language of Material: German

Metal file, undated
Star of David, undated
Language of Material: Dutch; Flemish

Armband from Westerbork Concentration camp, undated
Language of Material: German

Leather purse, undated